

peace and the reunification of Cyprus, through talks between the International community and the Turkish Cypriot leadership. The world must hold the Turkish Cypriot Leadership and specifically Mr. Denktash responsible for their actions. If this issue is not resolved, the people of Cyprus will not be re-united. These are the same Turkish Cypriots who support the reunification of Cyprus and the same Turkish Cypriots who Mr. Denktash thinks he is leading. Let Mr. Denktash know, that if he does not endorse the UN peace process, he will be doing a great disservice to his own people.

I thank the Speaker for allowing me to address the House today to express my concerns to my fellow colleagues regarding this issue.

ELLIS ISLAND MEDALS OF HONOR
AWARDS CEREMONY—NECO
CHAIRMAN WILLIAM DENIS
FUGAZY LEADS DRAMATIC
CEREMONY

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following:

ELLIS ISLAND, NY, May 17.—Standing on the hallowed grounds of Ellis Island—the portal through which 17 million immigrants entered the United States—a cast of ethnic Americans who have made significant contributions to the life of this nation were presented with the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor at an emotionally uplifting ceremony. This year's event was dedicated to our armed forces.

This year's ceremony date coincides with that of National Armed Forces Day. As such, we would like to pay special tribute to the men and women serving in the U.S. armed forces both here and abroad. Several of our Medalists also serve in the armed forces; many more are honored veterans.

NECO's annual medal ceremony and reception on Ellis Island in New York Harbor is the Nation's largest celebration of ethnic pride. Representing a rainbow of ethnic origins, this year's recipients received their awards in the shadow of the historic Great Hall, where the first footsteps were taken by the millions of immigrants who entered the U.S. in the latter part of the nineteenth century. "Today we honor great ethnic Americans who, through their achievements and contributions, and in the spirit of their ethnic origins, have enriched this country and have become role models for future generations," said NECO Chairman William Denis Fugazy. "In addition, we honor the immigrant experience—those who passed through this Great Hall decades ago, and the new immigrants who arrive on American soil seeking opportunity."

Established in 1986 by NECO, the Ellis Island Medals of Honor pay tribute to the ancestry groups that comprise America's unique cultural mosaic. To date, approximately 2000 American citizens have received medals.

NECO is the largest organization of its kind in the U.S. serving as an umbrella group for over 250 ethnic organizations and whose mandate is to preserve ethnic diversity, promote ethnic and religious equality, tolerance and harmony, and to combat injustice, hatred and bigotry. NECO has a new goal in its humanitarian mission: saving the

lives of children with lifethreatening medical conditions. NECO has founded The Forum's Children Foundation, which brings children from developing nations needing life-saving surgery to the United States for treatment.

Ellis Island Medals of Honor recipients are selected each year through a national nomination process. Screening committees from NECO's member organizations select the final nominees, who are then considered by the Board Directors.

Past Ellis Island Medals of Honor recipients have included several U.S. Presidents, entertainers, athletes, entrepreneurs, religious leaders and business executives, such as William Clinton, Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford, George Bush, Richard Nixon, George Pataki, Mario Cuomo, Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, Michael Douglas, Gloria Estefan, Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, Elie Wiesel, Muhammad Ali, Mickey Mantle, General Norman Schwarzkopf, Barbara Walters, Terry Anderson, Dr. Michael DeBakey, Senator John McCain, Rudy Giuliani and Attorney General Janet Reno.

Congratulations to the 2003 Ellis Island Medals of Honor Recipients:

Ruth J. Abram, President, Lower East Side Tenement Museum, Romanian/Irish/Prussian; Danny Aiello, Actor, Italian; Hon. Hagop S. Akiskal, Professor of Psychiatry, University of California at San Diego, Armenian; Hon. William Vollie Alexander, Managing Partner, Alexander & Associates, Scottish/English/Irish; Menelaos Anastasios Aliapoulos, M.D., Medical Director, General Electric Company, Hellenic; Hon. Hushang Ansary, Parman Group, Iranian; Angela Susan Anton, CEO & Publisher, Long Island Community Newspapers, Czechoslovakian/Italian; William Austin, Chairman & CEO, Starkey Laboratories Inc., English; Robert P. Badavas, Chief Operating Officer, Atlas Venture, Hellenic; Peter Balakian, Professor, Colgate University, Armenian; Roger Ballou, President & CEO, CDI Corporation, English/Scottish/French; Salvatore A. Balsamo, Chairman, Tac World Wide Companies, Italian; Peggy L.S. Barmore, Assistant to the President, NYSUT, African/Irish; Peter J. Barris, Managing General Partner, New Enterprise Associates, Hellenic; Anthony J. Bifaro, Assistant to the President, NYSUT, Italian; Michael Bolton, Bolton Music Company, Russian/English; Capt. Craig E. Bone, Commanding Officer & Commander of the Port NY & NJ, Coast Guard Activities, English/Irish/German; George Boyadjieff, Chairman, Varco International, Inc., Bulgarian/Russian; Albert A. Boyajian, President & CEO, Global Bakeries, Inc., Armenian; Albert A. Boyajian, President & CEO, Global Bakeries, Inc., Armenian; Roscoe C. Brown, Jr., President Emeritus, Bronx Community College—CUNY, African; Bishop William Brown, Pastor, Founder & Chairman, Salvation & Deliverance Church, South African; John A. Canning Jr., President, Madison Dearborn Partners, Irish/Italian; Terrel L. Cass, President & General Manager, WLIW 21—NY Public Television, Irish/English; Myron Z. Chlavin, CEO, Desser Tire & Rubber Co., Austrian/Latvian; Msgr. Eugene V. Clark, Rector, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Irish/Dutch; Maj. Gen. Richard S. Colt, Commander, 77th Regional Support Command US Army Reserve, Scottish; Francis X. Comerford, President & General Manager, WNBC, Irish/Italian;

Leo P. Condakes, President, Peter Condakes Co., Hellenic; Alexander A. Conti, Financial Representative, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Italian; Thomas J. Corcoran, Jr., President & CEO, FelCor Lodging Trust Inc., English; Thomas M. Coughlin, President & CEO, Wal-Mart Stores & Sam's Clubs USA, Irish; Hon. Anthony J. Cutrona, Supreme Court Justice—NYS Supreme Court, 2nd Judicial Department, Italian;

Salvatore A. Davino, President, Fidelity Land Development Corp., Italian; Commander Carlos Del Toro, US Naval Forces, Cuban; Vincent DeMentri, Anchor/Correspondent, WPIX-TV, Italian; John E. Durante, President, Rockledge Equities, Italian; Umberto P. Fedeli, Jr., President & CEO, The Fedeli Group, Italian; Charles A. Feghali, President, Interstate Resources, Inc., Lebanese; John J. Flynn, President, IU Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Irish; Colonel Warren J. Foersch, Commander, First Marine Corps District—US Marines, French/German/Irish; Hon. James S. Gallas, US Magistrate Judge, US District Court—Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, Hellenic; Luther R. Gatling, President, Budget & Credit Counseling Services, Inc., African; Richard Goldstein, Chairman & CEO, International Flavors & Fragrances Inc., Russian; Hon. Joseph G. Golia, Associate Justice, Appellate Term, 2nd & 11th Judicial District, Supreme Court of the State of NY, Italian; John George Gonis, D.D.S., Chairman & President, Dental Associates, LTD, Hellenic; Andy Granatelli, Former CEO & President (Retired), STP Corporation, Italian;

James T. Hackett, Chairman, President & CEO, Ocean Energy, Inc., Irish/German; Val J. Halamandaris, Esq., President, National Association for Homecare & Hospice, Hellenic; Thomas E. Hales, Chairman, President & CEO, Union State Bank, Italian/Irish; Taek Sun Han, Founder & CEO, Han Yang Supermarket/Han Yang Cultural Center/Morning Glory Stationery World, South Korean; Michael J. Handy, Director, Mayor's Office of Veterans Affairs, African/English/Native American; Russell Hotzler, Interim President, York College, CUNY, Italian/German; Sayed Jemal Houssein-Afghani, Inc., Humanitarian, Afghan/English; Ronald C. Jones, Secretary, United Federation of Teachers, Italian;

Georgia Kaloidis, CEO, Diskal, Inc., Hellenic; Frank S. Kamberos, Former VP Operations, Treasure Island Foods, Inc., Hellenic; I. Pano Karatassos, Founder/President, Buckhead Life Restaurant Group, Hellenic; Bruce E. Karatz, Chairman & CEO, KB Home, Russian; Elaine Kaufman, President, Elaine's Restaurant, Russian; Stella Kim, Executive Vice President, By Design L.L.C., South Korean; Michael B. Kitchen, President & CEO, CUNA Mutual Group, Canadian; Thomas M. Lamberti, Esq., Partner, Putney, Twonbly, Hall & Hirson, LLP, Italian; Lou Lamoriello, President, CEO & General Manager, New Jersey Devils, CEO, NJ Nets, Italian; Henri Landwirth, Founder & Chairman, Give Kids the World & Dignity-U-Wear Foundation Inc., Belgian/Polish; Stewart F. Lane, President, Theatre Venture, Inc., Russian/Polish; A. Alexander Lari, Founder & Chairman, Claremont Group, LLC, Iranian; Denis Leary, President, The Leary Firefighters Foundation, Irish;

Chung Wha Lee, President, Lee Chung Wha Diamond Corporation, Korean; Howard H. Lee, President & CEO, World Journal, Chinese; Simon S. Lee, CEO & President, STG, Inc., South Korean;

James P. Lemonias, Chairman & CEO, Whitman Company, Inc., Hellenic; Lt. Gen. William J. Lennox, Jr., Superintendent US Military Academy, Scottish/Irish; Hon. Phil Leventis, State Senator, State of South Carolina, Hellenic; Michael Yi-Sheng Liao, VP/Chief Information Officer, GM Asset Management, Chinese; Tony Lo Bianco, Actor, Director and Producer, Italian; Richard A. Loughlin, Vice Chairman, Willis, Irish; Constantine S. Macricostas, Chairman, Founder, Photonics, Hellenic; Sheldon Harris Malinou, DDS, Assistant to the Director, Cabrini Medical Center, Russian/Ukrainian; Anastasios E. Manessis, President, Manessis Marketing Corp., Hellenic; Puzant A. Markarian, Principal (Retired), Arlington Textiles, Inc., Armenian; John L. Marks, Chairman & CEO, Mark IV Realty, Inc., Hellenic; Patrick F. Martin, Chairman, President & CEO, StorageTek, Irish; Stanley Matthews, Founder, Matthews Diner & Pancake House, Hellenic; Hon. Roslynn R. Mauskopf, US Attorney, Eastern District, New York, Czechoslovakian; Hon. James E. McGreevey, Governor—State of New Jersey, Irish; Raymond Melville, Assistant Business Manager, Local Union #3, I.B.E.W., Irish; Robert G. Miller, Chairman & CEO, Rite Aid Corporation, Russian/English; Veronica Montgomery-Costa, President, Local 372 NYC Board of Education Employees Union, African; Patrick J. Moore, President & CEO, Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation, Irish/Scottish/Swedish; Donal J. Murphy, President, D.J. Murphy Assoc, Irish;

Albin D. Obal, President, Condor Contracting Company, Inc., Owner, Midland Enterprises, Polish; James E. O'Connor, Chairman & CEO, Republic Services, Inc., Irish; James F. Orr, Chairman, President & CEO, Convergys Corporation, Scottish/Irish/English/German; Nacy Panzica, Chairman, Panzica Construction Company, Italian; Steven Peter Papadatos, President, Papadatos Associates PC Architects, Hellenic; Frank Pellegrino, Sr., CEO, Rao's Specialty Foods, Italian; Stan Pelofsky, M.D., President, Neuroscience Specialists, Polish; James Tung Chiang Pi, President, Pi Trading Company, Inc., Chinese; John Politis, President & CEO, Apartment Realty Group, Inc., Hellenic; Gerry Puccio, Sr., Founder, Rockleigh Country Club/CEO Carrington Real Estate & Investment Group, Italian;

Lewis S. Ranieri, Chairman, Hyperion Partners, LLP, Italian; Subash Razdan, Advisor, Procurement Advisory Council, Coca Cola Company, Indian; Paul V. Reilly, President, Chairman & CEO, Mail-Well, Inc., Irish; Mary Lou Retton, U.S. Olympic Gold Medallist, Italian; Richard Romanoff, President, Nebraskaland, Inc., Russian; E. John Rumpakis, Owner, N.E.W.S., Hellenic; Michael Schenkler, Publisher, Queens Tribune, Russian/Polish; Martin Scorsese, President, Cappa Productions, Italian; Myron P. Shevell, Chairman & CEO, New England Motor Freight Inc./The Shevell Group, Russian/German; David J. Shim, Chairman & CEO, Riverside Park, Inc./Kiku Restaurant Inc., Korean; Richard Silver-

man, Vice-Chairman, Fleet Bank N.A., Romanian/English; Hon. Nirmal K. Sinha, Commissioner Ohio Civil Rights, Assistant Director Department of Public Utilities, Columbus, Indian; Curtis Sliwa, Founder and President, The Alliance of Guardian Angels, Italian/Polish; Thomas A. Smith, President & CEO, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Norwegian/Scottish/German; Ralph Snyderman, M.D., Chancellor for Health Affairs, President and CEO, Duke University Health System, Russian; Rajesh K. Soin, Chairman & CEO, Soin International, Indian; Hon. Maria Sotiropoulos, Protocol Officer, The White House/US Department, of State, Cypriot; Sy Sternberg, Chairman & CEO, New York Life Insurance Company, Romanian/Polish/Lithuanian;

Nicolas Tabbal, M.D., F.A.C.S., Plastic Surgeon, Manhattan Eye Ear & Throat Hosp-NYU, Lebanese; Hon. Patrick N. Theros, Ambassador, President & Executive Director, US Qatar Business Council, Hellenic; Demetrios E. Tsintolas, President, Tsintolas Realty Company, Hellenic; Ben Vereen, Vereen Productions, African; Nicholas S. Vidalakis, Co-Founder, Chairman & CEO, VFP LLC, Hellenic; Vuksan Vuksanaj, President, New York Travel Agency, Inc., Albanian; Mike Wallace, Senior Correspondent, CBS News/60 Minutes, Russian; Donald Washkewicz, President & CEO, Parker-Hannifin Corporation, Polish/Czechoslovakian; Hon. Jim Wright, Speaker of the House 1987-1989, Texas Christian University, Australian/Irish/Scottish; Jeffrey Yarmuth, President & COO, Sonny's Franchise Co., Russian/Polish; Pan A. Yotopoulos, Distinguished Professor, University of Florence, Hellenic; Xenophon Zapis, Radio Broadcaster, Zapis Communications Corporation, Hellenic; Detective Sergeant Wallace R. Zeins, Commanding Officer, Manhattan Night Watch, NYPD, Russian.

A TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the City of Coral Springs, FL, as the residents celebrate the fortieth birthday of this "City in the Country".

Incorporated in July of 1963, Coral Springs was a master-planned city established in the northwest corner of Broward County on 5,000 acres of land which had previously been used for farming and cattle ranching activities. The developers envisioned a family oriented city with a population projected at over 50,000 residents living in small neighborhoods throughout the community. The first land sale was made on July 22, 1964. In 1965, an additional 5,000 acres was acquired, increasing the area within the city to 16 square miles. The city's first official resident, George Knobel, moved into his home on July 9, 1965. In 1971, the last large increase in land was given to the city bringing the total to 13,400 acres.

Anxious to create a beautiful and natural looking town, the developer, Coral Ridge Properties, immediately enacted strict landscaping and sign ordinances. These rules

have ensured that despite its growth, Coral Springs has maintained the ambiance that attracted so many of its residents, which now number over 116,000. In fact, as illustration of the strength of the sign restrictions, the Coral Springs McDonald's was the only one built without the famous golden arches.

Throughout its 40 years of existence, Coral Springs has seen its share of celebrities and firsts. In 1965, entertainer Johnny Carson helped with the second Coral Springs "Land Rush Sale" and bought 55 acres himself. Two U.S. presidents, President Ford and President Reagan have visited the city. In 1966, Coral Ridge Properties was acquired by Westinghouse Electric Corporation who viewed the new city as an "urban laboratory" to evaluate new products. In 1970, Westinghouse built the Electra Lab house which showcased new modern conveniences such as motion-detecting lights, electric kitchens and home security systems. Arnold Palmer stayed in the state-of-the-art home that year when he played in the Coral Springs Open. In 1982, actor Burt Reynolds filmed Smokey and the Bandit, Part 3, in Coral Springs.

In 1993, as growth accelerated, Coral Springs city government implemented a management program based on a business model with the goal of performing as a high performance municipal corporation, customer focused and quality-oriented. In 1997, Coral Springs became the first municipality to receive the Governor's Sterling Award for Corporate Excellence, modeled after the internationally acclaimed, Baldridge Criteria for Performance Excellence. In 2003, the City of Coral Springs became the first past recipient, public or private, to receive the award for a second time.

Today, Coral Springs is a premier South Florida community, known for its attractive neighborhoods, open spaces and parks, schools and youth programs. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the City of Coral Springs in the U.S. House of Representatives and extend best wishes to the residents of Coral Springs as they celebrate their first 40 years.

IN HONOR OF THE MOSES AND AARON FOUNDATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 24, 2003

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a worthy organization, one committed to special children and their families. The Moses and Aaron Foundation's significant and enduring efforts deserve the highest praise, as do the philanthropists who have given of themselves to fulfill its mission.

The Moses and Aaron Foundation "Special Fund for Children" is dedicated to assisting children with disabilities and their families with a wide range of programs including social, physical, financial, and wheelchair assistance, as well as counseling and guidance.

It also provides scholarship funding to educational institutions, collects, purchases, and distributes clothing for children in need, and remembers them with presents at holiday time or when they are hospitalized.

In cooperation with Bally Fitness Centers and under the direction of its President Rabbi